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Specific - General RADESCU's Connections with Rumanian
Organizations in France
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1. The following report is a supplement to MGM-A-1618.
Source is *[Handwritten box]* who is being debriefed by *[Handwritten box]*. The information
has been given a tentative evaluation of *[Handwritten box]*. *B-3-17H.*

2. The LFR "activity committee" was organized as a result
of the assurances given to General RADESCU by the French 2e Bureau
that they would provide sufficient material and financial support
to enable the organization to achieve its aim of cooperation with
the French IS. General RADESCU was the moving force behind the
Rumanian end of the negotiations as he was desirous of establishing
contact with as many Rumanian resistance groups as possible with
the view to controlling Rumanian resistance activities at home
and abroad. The general has consistently encouraged the creation
of organizations of Rumanian emigrants with the idea of eventually
uniting them in some kind of an organization which he would control.

3. The creation of the following organizations was inspired
or encouraged by the general:

a. CAROMAN. Created in France for the assistance of
Rumanian refugees in autumn of 1947. Founders were Engineer Nicolae
CARANFIL and General Nicolae RADESCU. Although the organization
raised great hopes among Rumanian refugees at the time of its
founding, it turned out to be a disappointment. *[Handwritten note: 201-287]*

b. The MIHAIL EMINESCU CULTURAL ASSOCIATION in Paris. Its
promoter is Mircea ELIADE, a writer and a well-known Legionary
sympathizer and theorist.

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c. NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF ROMANIAN REFUGEES in the U.S. Zone of Germany. General Ion GHEORGHE is the head. It was founded in February 1949, following conversations between RADESCU and GHEORGHE. *(From G. Ward)*

d. THE LEGIONARY MOVEMENT. RADESCU found that this group was in a profoundly disorganized state abroad as well as in Rumania itself. Since the general realized the potential for clandestine activities of the Legion, he did all he could to give it new impetus. The general had numerous conversations with:

- (1) Father Vasile BOLDEANU, former Secretary-General of the Legionary movement between 1932 and 1940 and, at present, head of the French-Italian-Spanish Sector of Legionary activity;
- (2) Axente CRISUL, alias MARIN, one of the most prominent figures in the HORTA SIMA Central Committee.

General RADESCU promised the Legionaries at least two seats on the National Committee and UNISON knows that he gave them the following sums of money:

- (3) 360,000 French francs were given to Major MAFTEI through Colonel COMOROVEANU in January 1948. Major MAFTEI was formerly Rumanian MA to Zagreb and subsequently became Chief of Staff in the SIMA government after the Rumanian armistice. At present he is a very important legionary leader and "General RADESCU's military representative for Austria".
- (4) 50,000 French francs to Father Vasile BOLDEANU in May 1948.
- (5) \$6,500 to Major MAFTEI through Barbu NICULESCU, General RADESCU's "private secretary" in Suisse. Of this sum, \$3,000 was destined for clandestine contact with Rumania and was allegedly distributed to certain unnamed resistance leaders in Rumania by the Legionary staff, according to a statement made to UNISON by General Platon CHIRNOAGA.

e. THE DEMOCRATIC UNION. This is the latest organizational manifestation of General RADESCU and it was founded in Paris in the Spring of 1949. In it he hoped to incorporate all of the above-mentioned organizations. It turned out to be a total failure, however, and includes only a limited number of peripheral personalities from among the Rumanian emigres.

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4. [] is of the opinion that RADESCU is determined to try to create and control the directing mechanism of the different Rumanian associations and considers his attempt with the DEMOCRATIC [] was calculated by the general as an instrument for exerting pressure both on the Crown and on the Council of Political Parties and that the large sums of money given to the above-mentioned organizations by the general were given for demagogic reasons. [] is further of the opinion that the general's efforts to organize clandestine activity through the Legion and the 2e Bureau was for the purpose of providing himself with a trump card in his efforts to gain large sums of money from the French and American governments. At the same time he is trying to convey to Rumanians at home and abroad the idea that he is the only person who can liberate his country from the Bolshevik yoke. [] claims that RADESCU's maneuvers have lead to a disintegration of the cohesive spirit among Rumanians and to a decidedly anti-monarchist trend abroad and that the latter trend has even been initiated and directed by some of the sympathizers of General RADESCU.

5. []'s original reports are attached for FBM files.

6. Rumanian Personalities:

a. General CHIRNOAGA, mentioned in Para. 3.d.(5) above, was War Minister in the SIMA Government in Vienna from Autumn 1944, immediately after Rumania's armistice with the Allies, until the cessation of hostilities in May 1945. Although he was sentenced by the RADESCU government to life imprisonment on charges of treason at that time, this has apparently not interfered with his present collaboration with RADESCU as CHIRNOAGA told [] that he holds a mandate from General RADESCU for the military organization of Rumanians in Western Germany and Austria. Also present during the conversation during which CHIRNOAGA told of the distribution of the \$3,000 by Legionary personnel to unnamed resistance leaders in Rumania (Para. 3.d.(5) above), were the following Rumanian staff officers: Col. IVANOVICI, Col. TOMOROVEANU, Col. Dumitru NEFERU, Naval Capt. Arpad GHERGHEL, and Lt. Col. Constantin ATANASIU.

b. General Ion GHEORGHE has strong pro-German feelings and was always a strong proponent of German policy. He lived in Germany for a long time and is married to a German woman. During the latter part of the war he was promoted from Rumanian MA in Berlin to Minister to the German capital. Following the armistice of 23 August 1944, General GHEORGHE proved his faithfulness to the Germans by issuing circular orders over his signature, requesting the personnel of Rumanian legations and consulates abroad to "Disassociate themselves from the action of the Rumanian government in having signed an armistice". George ANASTASIU in Suisse has a large file concerning GHEORGHE's activities.

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c. Colonel Ion TOMOROVEANU. Had decidedly pro-German attitude during time he served as MA to Vichy. In 1946, the French 2e Bureau described him as, "a man without character, an opportunist, immoral and dirty". Although this description was no doubt somewhat colored by the Bureau's anti-German feelings, the fact is that serious Rumanian circles in Paris find the description an apt one even today. TOMOROVEANU joined the Rumanian resistance in Paris in order to refurbish his reputation. In 1945 he joined the editorial staff of a French language paper called, "La Roumanie Independante", published in Paris by Costel CONSTANTINESCU, a 29 year old man, "exalté" and sickly and who had not finished his college studies. The paper published insinuating and unverified information and sometime published unjustified attacks on a number of the members of the Rumanian National Committee. In the Fall of 1947, TOMOROVEANU quit the paper as the result of a quarrel which had taken place between RADESCU and CONSTANTINESCU. Cause of the disagreement was that RADESCU wanted to make the paper more representative by including a number of new people on the editorial board. CONSTANTINESCU refused. TOMOROVEANU supported RADESCU's side of the argument and left the paper, adopted the Legion's Anschauung and supported such compromised persons as Father BOLDEANU, STAJA, Ion MILOAIA, Pamfil SEICARU, Ion DRAGU. Although TOMOROVEANU was an ardent supporter of General RADESCU at the beginning of 1947, he subsequently forsook him but later returned to the general's way of thinking. Although he was very attached to the programs of the democratic parties in the Spring of 1949, he criticized them violently in the summer of the same year. In his desire for political position and money, he joined the LFR where he receives a salary of between 50-60,000 French francs per month. *possibly signed*

d. Lt. Col. Constantin ATANASIU. Weak, timorous, pessimistic, dishonest, poorly trained for his officer career. Full of vanity and a poor comrade. Since 1945 he has been in the pay of the 2e Bureau for his reports on Rumanian refugee activity. General RADESCU also pays him 20,000 French francs per month. He was Chef de Cabinet of Marshal PREZAN, an outstanding general of WW I and who requested on his death bed that ATANASIU not be allowed to attend his funeral. [] claims that ATANASIU has swindled a number of Rumanians in Paris, [] himself, included. [] was taken for 15,000 French francs.

e. Major Boby CHINTESCU. Has engaged in all kinds of dubious affairs since his arrival in France. Before his arrival in that country, while he was still in Czechoslovakia, he had congratulated the GROZA government at the time it arrested Iuliu MANIU and suppressed the democratic parties. He has denounced decent Rumanians to the French police on grounds invented by himself. Rumanian circles in Paris consider him to be a dangerous and despicable character. He tries to enter all the Rumanian circles under the cover of patriotism but, in reality, in order to inform on their activities to the 2e Bureau. However, even as a provocateur, he is dishonest for the information he passes on to the French is generally false.

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f. Capt. fnc. ENCIU. Claims to have come out of Rumania with a mandate from the national resistance movement. He has not been able to prove his contention, however, and some of the letters which he has received from Rumania via the French diplomatic courier, are strongly suspect. Major BEAUMONT treats him with great reserve and has even expressed the suspicion that he might be a Cominform agent. During General RADESCU's stay in France in December 1948 and January 1949, ENCIU visited him and offered his services as a private secretary. It later developed that photographs of some of the general's documents had been given to the 2e Bureau. ORTHEZ later showed ☐ a photograph of an important letter to RADESCU from King Michael's Aide, General LAZAR.) ENCIU is registered in the Rumanian Socialist Party in Paris - with the anti-monarchist, anti-TITEList, Eftimie GHERMAN-BADARAU faction. The 2e Bureau pays him 25,000 French francs per month for his LFR activity. He is a heavy drinker and a spendthrift.

g. Captain P. GHEORGHIU. Seems to be a serious officer, well trained and knows a great deal about signal communications. Although he is registered pro forma with the same Socialist group to which ENCIU belongs, he has Legionary leanings.

h. Air Force Commander COPRAN. Former Chief of the Intelligence Section of the Air Force command in Rumania. Seems to be a serious man and a well trained officer. Has been in touch with Rumania through Istanbul.

i. Neagu DJUVARA. Although he has some Legionary tendencies he is the most serious and reliable man among the Rumanian personnel of the LFR staff. Both he and his wife are employed by the LFR and are paid a salary of 40,000 French francs per month.

j. Air Force Commander Gheorghe LEAFU. Was a technician in the air force. Was commissioned as a regular army officer during the war along with some other technicians, a departure from standard procedure in Rumania. His military training is poor. He is impulsive, has no firm political convictions and has a vacillating character. Very attached to Colonel TOMOROVEANU.

7. FRENCH PERSONNEL.

a. Colonel Pomes BARRERE, alias ORTHEZ. About 5' 8" tall, thin, light brown hair, blue eyes, wears glasses, oval face, aquiline nose, was smooth-shaven, and does not smoke. Apparent age is 47 years. Has an unstable character, is nervous, uncommunicative almost to the point of tactiturnity, is malicious, stubborn, and revengeful. Is intelligent but doesn't know how to deal with people. Very conscientious and persevering. Contacted either directly or indirectly, all prominent Rumanians living in France or visiting that country. The colonel is married and has 2 daughters. His address is rue de la Tour 94, Paris XVI.

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NOTE: BARRERE tried to put the squeeze on [] by threatening him that his wife would not receive a permis de sejour. This fact may account for some of the depth of the dark coloring in the picture of BARRERE as presented above.]

b. Lt. Col. ~~fnu~~GRANDER. Approximately 5' 7" tall, thin, brown hair and eyes, smooth-shaven. Apparent age is 50. Ruddy complexion. Has pleasant personality, is outspoken and frank, talkative, intelligent, and very active. Is new and inexperienced in Rumanian problems and has no contact with Rumanians outside the LFR. Whenever [] met him, the colonel was always dressed in civilian clothes.

c. Major ~~fnu~~BEAUMONT. Approximately 5' 6" tall, has blond hair, blue eyes. Apparent age is 40. Jovial face and talks a great deal. Chain cigarette smoker. Has a decided flair for organization. Seems to be intelligent and cultured. Is one of the most active members of the LFR staff and is really the soul of the organization. Seems to be honest and well-meaning. He administers the funds allocated to the organization. Does not have any contact with any Rumanians outside the LFR. Whenever [] saw him, the major was wearing civilian clothes. His office is located on the 3rd floor, 22 rue Drouot and his telephone number is Provence 4456.

d. Captain ~~fnu~~MARCHAND. 5' 6" tall, well-built, robust, dark brown hair and eyes. Very tidy appearance. Neither smokes nor drinks. Apparent age is 37. Is calm, communicative, pleasant, and considerate in discussions. He is very correct in his relations with a limited number of Rumanians outside the LFR. Intelligent and orderly in his thinking.

e. Captain ~~fnu~~GRENIER. Approximately 5' 6" tall, robust. Has light brown hair and wears an English-type thin blond moustache. Is a new hand at Rumanian problems and says little and is reserved. Is intelligent and conscientious. Not an orderly thinker.

8. General RADESCU recommended only two of the active members of the LFR to the French: Lt. Col. Constantin ATANASIU and Captain ENCIU. As his political representative to the French authorities, he designated Prof. Nicolae ~~fnu~~RADESCU who is now living in Paris. Prof. ~~fnu~~BUNESCU, Professor of the Rumanian language at the University of Lisbon, sued him in the French courts on charges of having swindled him. (LFR/ESCU)

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SUBJECT : Annex II to . . . (please insert No. of L.F.R. report)
Biographical data on French and Rumanian Staff Members of
the L.F.R. Organisation.

SOURCE : Unison.

1. Biographical data on French Staff Members of L.F.R.

A. Colonel Pomes BARRERE, alias ORTHEZ.

Tall, approximately 5'8" high, thin, with light brown hair and blue eyes, when met the colonel always wore eyeglasses. He has an oval face, an aquiline nose and does not wear a moustache. Apparent age: 47 years old. He does not smoke.

The colonel has an unstable character, is nervous, uncommunicative approaching taciturnity, bad, stubborn and revengeful. He is intelligent but a poor psychologist. Very perseverant in all his work he contacted directly or indirectly all the leading Rumanian personalities they were whether/residing in France or just visiting that country.

He is married, has two daughters and lives at 94, rue de la Tour, Paris, 16e.

B. Lt.Colonel GRANDEE, fnm.

He is approximately 5'7" tall, thin, has brown hair and brown eyes, no moustache. His apparent age is 50. He has a ruddy complexion.

Grande has a pleasant personality, is outspoken and frank, talkative, intelligent and very active. He is new and inexperienced in the Rumanian problems and has no contact with Rumanians outside the L.F.R. When met he was always/in civilian clothes.

C. Major BEAUMONT, fnm.

Major Beaumont is approximately 5'6" high, has blond hair, blue eyes. His apparent age is 40. He has a jovial face and is communicative; he speaks very much. Whenever met he was observed to smoke one cigarette after another.

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The major has a pronounced organisational spirit. He seems to be very intelligent and to possess a good general culture. Being dynamic and perseverant he is the most active member of the L.F.R. staff and the "soul" of that organisation. He seems to be honest, frank and well meaning. He administers the funds allocated to the organisation. He does not contact any Rumanians outside the organisation.

The major was only observed wearing civilian clothes. He works in an office located on the 3rd floor at 22 rue Drouot and his telephone number is Provence 4456.

D. Captain MARCHAND, fm.

5'6" high, well built, robust, the captain has dark brown hair and brown eyes. His attire and general appearance was, whenever met, very tidy. He neither smokes, nor drinks any kind of alcoholic beverages. His apparent age is 37.

Calm, communicative, very pleasant, Captain Marchand was always considerate and very friendly in discussions. He is correct in his relations with a limited number of Rumanians outside the L.F.R. He is intelligent and orderly in his thinking.

E. Captain GRENIER, fm.

Approximately 5'6" high, Captain Grenier is robust and has light brown hair. He wears an English type thin blond moustache.

The captain is a new hand in the Rumanian problems. He is timid, reserved, calm and speaks little. He is intelligent and conscientious. He does not seem to have a definite method in his thinking.

2. General RADESCU recommended to the French only two of the active members of the L.F.R. organisation, namely Lt.Colonel Constantin ATANASIU and Captain ENCIU.

As his political representative the General designated to the

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French authorities Prof. Nicolae HERESCU, living presently in Paris. HERESCU has been sued in the French courts for swindling by Prof. BUNESCU, fm, Romanian language professor at the Lisbon University.

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3. ~~Biographical~~ Data on/Romanian Staff Members of L.F.R. Staff

A. Colonel Ion TOMOROVEANU.

Colonel TOMOROVEANU had a decided pro German attitude while he served as Romanian Military Attache to Vichy. Because of that the officers of the French 2e Bureau described him in 1946 as "a man without character, an opportunist, immoral and dirty". In fact the serious Romanian circles in Paris agree even at present with that description. In order to save his reputation, compromised at Vichy, the colonel joined the present resistance struggle.

In 1945 he joined the editorial staff of a French language Romanian paper called "La Roumanie Independente", published in Paris by Costel CONSTANTINESCU, a 29 year-old exalted and sickly man who had not finished his college studies. The paper published insinuating, unchecked information and at times attacked unjustly a number of the present members of the Romanian National Committee.

In the Autumn of 1947 TOMOROVEANU quit the paper following a quarrel between RADESCU and CONSTANTINESCU. RADESCU wanted to make the paper more representative by including a number of people in its editorial board; CONSTANTINESCU, who considered the paper his personal property, refused. TOMOROVEANU, thereupon, adopted a Legionary attitude, and supported persons who had compromised themselves a long time before, such as: Father BOLDEANU, STAIU fm, Ion MILOAIA, Pamfil ~~SKICARU~~ SKICARU, Ion DRAGU.

Ardent supporter of General RADESCU at the beginning of 1947, ^{subsequently} TOMOROVEANU/forsook and returned to the general's line of thinking a countless number of times. Very attached to the activity of the democratic

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political parties in the Spring of 1949, he criticized them violently in the Summer of the same year.

Ever thirsting for political positions and for money he joined the L.F.R. where he receives a salary of 50,000 to 60,000 Fr. francs. per month.

B. Lt. Colonel Constantin ATANASIU.

ATANASIU is weak, timorous, pessimistic, dishonest, very poorly prepared and trained for his officer's career. He is full of vanity and a poor comrade. He has been paid by the French, for his services concerning the Rumanian refugees and their activity, ever since 1945. He received that money from the French 2e Bureau. He is paid with 20,000 Fr. francs. per month by General RADESCU, also.

While he was Chef de Cabinet of Marshal PREZAN (World War I outstanding general who during the period that followed that war was given, together with AVERESCU, the honorary rank of marshal) his chief requested on his deathbed that "ATANASIU be prevented from attending even his funeral".

Unison was himself swindled by ATANASIU, along with other Rumanians, of 15,000 Fr. francs. immediately after his arrival in France.

C. Major Boby CHINTESCU.

CHINTESCU has engaged unscrupulously in all kinds of deals ever since his arrival in France. Before arriving in France he had congratulated the GEROZA Government for its activity, from Czechoslovakia, at the time of the arrest of Iuliu MANIU and the suppression of the democratic parties. In Paris he denounced to the French police on invented grounds a number of good, honest Rumanians. He claims to have good contacts at the American Embassy in Paris. He is considered by the Rumanian circles in Paris as a dangerous man with a despicable character. He constantly tries to force himself on all Rumanian circles through intrigue and patriotic hypocrisy with the sole aim of informing

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the French 2e Bureau, but most of the information he gives them is false.

D. Captain ENCIU, fm.

ENCIU claims to have come out of Rumania with a mandate from the national resistance movement which he could not prove except by dubious actions which seem to have been fabricated by him in France. Some of the letters which ENCIU received from Rumania, through the French diplomatic courier, were mysterious and suspect. Major BEAUMONT had a great reserve toward ENCIU and expressed his suspicion that he might be even a Cominform agent.

It is interesting to note that during General RADESCU's stay in France, in December 1948 and January 1949, ENCIU visited him at Grand Hotel and offered his services as private secretary. As a result all the documents the general had were photographed and turned over to the French 2e Bureau. (This was confirmed by to Unison by ORTHEZ who showed him an important letter addressed by General LAZAR, King Michael's Aide, to RADESCU).

ENCIU is at present registered with the Rumanian Socialists in Paris (the antimonarchist, anti-TITELIST, Ertisic GHERMAN - BADARAU faction). For his L.F.R. activity he is paid by the 2e Bureau 25,000 Fr.frcs. per month.

He is a heavy drinker and a spendthrift.

E. Captain P. GHEORGHIU.

Captain GHEORGHIU seems to be a serious officer, well trained and to possess a good signal knowledge. He has Legionary affinities although he is registered pro forma with the same Socialist group to which ENCIU belongs.

F. Air Force Commander OPRAN, former Chief of the 2nd (intelligence) Section of the Air Force Command in Rumania, seems to be a serious man and a well trained officer. He has contacted Rumania

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through Istanbul, Turkey.

G. Neagu DJUVARA.

Although having Legionary reminiscences is the most serious and reliable element among the Rumanian personnel of the L.F.R. staff. Both he and his wife are employed by the L.F.R. and are paid a salary of 40,000 Fr.fres. per month.

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H. Air Force Commander/LEAFU.

LEAFU was a technician in the Air Force, i.e. he belonged to a small group of Air Force technical M.C.O.'s who could normally be promoted only up to a captain's rank. An exception was made during the war and some of that personnel, including LEAFU, were commissioned regular army officers. His military training is poor. He is impulsive, has no political convictions and has a vacillating character. He is very attached to Colonel TOMOROVEANU.

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